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Mr. Armistead L. Boothe
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Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Mr. Boothe:

You are aware, of course, that we have been considering the selection of a site for the proposed Central Intelligence Agency headquarters building for more than a year. We studied more than 30 suggested sites in cooperation with the National Capital Regional Planning Council and the National Capital Planning Commission, and we engaged a private firm of landscape architects and consulting engineers to assist us in this matter.

Recently, we received the final report of the National Capital Planning Commission approving our proposal to locate our new headquarters building on a portion of the Bureau of Public Roads property at Langley, Virginia. In view of the interest you have shown in this matter, we would like you to know that we have decided to proceed with our plans for the development of that site.

While I realize that this decision is adverse to the views you have expressed, I am sure you will recognize the impossibility of obtaining unanimous agreement with regard to the selection of a site for an installation of this size. It is, of course, possible for us to select only one site from among the many considered, and we sincerely believe that the Langley property provides the site best suited to our needs.

Your interest in this matter is appreciated, and I should like to thank you sincerely for the opportunity you have provided us to consider your views.

Sincerely,

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